

my predecessor's despatch, No. 133, of the 16th July, 1924, and that the certificate so applied will carry the significance that the animals from which the fat is derived have passed inspection carried out in accordance with the criteria of meat-inspection adopted by the New Zealand Government, the Minister of Health will be prepared, on the issue of the proposed Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, to give formal notice of the recognition of the certificate for this purpose at such a time as to make the recognition effective on the date of commencement of the regulations.

2. The proposed regulations will only apply to articles which are intended for human consumption, and will therefore impose no restriction on the importation of inedible tallow.

I have, &c.,

J. S. AMERY.

Governor-General His Excellency General Sir C. Fergusson, Bart.,
LL.D., G.C.M.G., K.C.B., D.S.O., M.V.O., &c.

No. 10.

New Zealand, No. 54.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 24th March, 1925.

With reference to my predecessor's despatch, No. 162, of the 22nd August, 1924, regarding the West Indian telegraph scheme, I have the honour to request Your Excellency to inform your Ministers that the cables from Barbados to Turks Island, to Trinidad, and to British Guiana, and the wireless telegraph stations in Barbados, Grenada, St. Vincent, St. Lucia, Dominica, Antigua, and St. Kitts, have now been completed and are in operation by the Pacific Cable Board.

I have, &c.,

W. ORMSBY GORE,

For the Secretary of State.

Governor-General His Excellency General Sir C. Fergusson, Bart.,
LL.D., G.C.M.G., K.C.B., D.S.O., M.V.O., &c.

No. 11.

New Zealand, Dominions No. 155.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 14th April, 1925.

With reference to my despatch, Dominions No. 82, of the 25th February, I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency, for the information of your Ministers, copies of a circular addressed to local authorities in England and Wales regarding the resolution of the Imperial Economic Conference, 1923, on Imperial preference in public contracts, together with a copy of the circular of the 15th May, 1923, referred to.

I have, &c.,

W. ORMSBY GORE,

For the Secretary of State.

Governor-General His Excellency General Sir C. Fergusson, Bart.,
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Enclosures.

Circular 569.

(England and Wales.)

To County Councils, Town Councils, Metropolitan Borough Councils, Urban District Councils,
Rural District Councils, Boards of Guardians, Joint Boards, Port Sanitary Authorities.

CONTRACTS.

SIR,—

Ministry of Health, Whitehall S.W. 1, 24th March, 1925.

I am directed by the Minister of Health to inform you that at the Imperial Economic Conference in 1923 the following resolution was passed :—

“(1.) That this Imperial Economic Conference reaffirms the principle that in all Government contracts effective preference be given to goods made and materials produced within the Empire, except where undertakings entered into prior to this Conference preclude such a course or special circumstances render it undesirable or unnecessary.